



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/549,575	09/19/2005	Isao Matsuda	053109	1207

38834 7590 12/04/2006

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP
1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW
SUITE 700
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

EXAMINER

MCNAULL, ALINE D

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2872

DATE MAILED: 12/04/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No. 10/549,575	Applicant(s) MATSUDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Aline D. McNaull	Art Unit 2872	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 22 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The changes to the specification and claims are merely corections to typographical errors in the originally submitted documents. The newly submitted replacement drawings have been entered and accepted.


DREW A. DUNN
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

entry approved
Aline D. McNaughton
11/30/06



FIG. 5
(Prior Art)

